quite inadequate to keep the District Fund roads in a condition fit for motor car traffic. There have been a lot of complaint about the condition of Local Fund roads. The Engineering Department is not working satisfactorily. You say there are some roads not fit for motor traffic. When you want motors to go on certain roads, repair the roads and keep them in good condition or say motors cannot go on those roads.

Second Member of Council.—The suggestions appear to be reasonable and will be considered by Government.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Improving the breeding of cattle.

Messrs. H. Krishna Murti and Marulu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk and K. T. Seshaiya, Belur Taluk.

Mr. K. T. Seshaiya.—With a view to improve the breeding of cattle, breeding bulls may be located at all hobli head quarters. Breeding bulls are used for economic purposes. But the present condition of breeding bulls is not satisfactory. They should be made more accessible to the people.

Third Member of Council.—The Malnad Improvement Committee is thinking of having itinerant breeding bulls in important taluk head-quarters.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah.—We should first find out what kind of breed will suit the *malnad* climate and then keep only such breed there.

Second Member of Council.—The Live Stock Expert and Dr. Coleman are examining the whole question and as soon as their report is received, Government will do their best in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Building sites for poor backward communities.

Mr. J. R. Isaac, Indian Christian Association, Bangalore.

I just want to press the urgency of this request. Owing to the high cost of land and high rent of buildings, backward communities including the Indian Christians of Bangalore are unable to procure houses. They are therefore very poorly housed on account of which, diseases are very prevalent among them. During the last Influenza epidemic, there were many deaths, among the poorer classes on account of this. There are many localities in which a number of families are living in one and the same house with considerable inconvenience. I want to press this question on account of their insanitary surroundings. I have collected some statistics of the Christian population in Bangalore. There are about 179 families including London and Wesleyan Congregations with an average of 5 members in each family consisting of 2 adults and 3 children. Fourteen families have one house each, 9 two houses each and 155 no houses. Their average

income is about Rs. 29 per mensem. The average monthly rent each family pays is about Rs. 5. There are about 54 families living as co-tenants, 2 or 3 living in the same house. During the last six years, the number of houses they have changed is 110. They have gone into a cheaper and ill-ventilated house every time they changed. I have seen 2 or 3 families in one room. This does not conduce the moral well-being of the community. These are the conditions of one community in Bangalore. There are several other communities who are labouring under similar disadvantages. We have been representing this to the Municipality repeatedly, and every time, we are asked to wait. I therefore request that Government may be pleased to give us an assurance to enable them to acquire building sites at minimum upset prices without including charges of acquisition, etc.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—This matter is being discussed in the Municipal Council and some sites are being made available for housing purposes in the near future.

Second Member of Council.—So far as Government are concerned, we can assure you that everything that is possible will be done so far as city municipalities are concerned. As regards the grant of lands in rural areas, a Special Committee has been appointed and their report is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Acquisition of houses.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastry, Krishnarajapete Taluk and C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevanakote Taluk.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—Before acquiring houses from persons for public purposes, no new sites are allotted to such persons. If possession is taken from such persons, they will be put to much difficulty and loss. No house should therefore be acquired and demolished before another new dwelling is ready for occupation. In the Madras Presidency, a Government Order has issued, in this connection. The Chairman of the Chidambaram Municipal Council reported that certain insanitary houses were so constructed as not to admit light and ventilation and without regard to water-supply. Notices were served, they were prosecuted and fined, but without effect. When it was recommended that the houses should be demolished, Government ordered that they should not be razed until the new houses were provided for the displaced people. Our Government should enquire into the details of the Order and issue a similar order here. When houses are acquired for a public purpose, at least 6 to 7 months time should be given to people in the houses for finding a house for themselves.